

REMARKS

Claims 10 and 11 are pending in the application. Claims 10 and 11 have been amended. Claims 1-9 and 12-16 have been cancelled.

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,274,717 (Miura et al.). This rejection is moot, since claim 9 has been cancelled.

Claims 10 and 11 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 10 and 11 have been rewritten including all of the limitations of their base claim 1. Therefore, amended claims 10 and 11 are patentable.

Accordingly, it is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests an early and favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application. If there are any outstanding issues which might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's representative at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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